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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/534,269	Applicant(s) ERBER, ANDREAS	
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Period for Reply

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 18 November 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-6 and 10, 16 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Mochizuki et al (US 4,737,896).

Regarding claims 1-6, Mochizuki et al discloses an illumination device having a light guide 21, a light source 11, the light guide having reflecting structure 22, each reflecting structure being of equal size (figure 2), the reflecting surface are parallel to each other (figure 2), the reflecting surfaces are 45 degrees to the direction of the ray (claim 12) and each neighboring reflecting surface 22 and 23 are separated from each other by projections (column 2, lines 22-40).

Regarding claim 10, 16 and 17, Mochizuki et al further discloses the light source is at the face of the light guide (figure 2), the light source can be a light emitting diode (column 3, lines 28-30) and figure 2 shows how the light exiting side of the guide is provided with scattering optic.

Claims 1 and 7-9 and 11-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Terne et al (EP 184 619 A2).

Regarding claims 1 and 7-9, Terne et al discloses a light guide 84 having at least one connection side 37, 67, a reflecting surface 43, 71, a light source 16 located on each side of the light guide 84, the reflecting surface of the light guide are arranged at gap (figure 6), and the light guide parts are alike in shape.

Regarding claims 11-15, the light guide 84, the light guide parts in figure 6 is side by side, the reflecting surface of the light guide correspond to the distance of the light guide and of equal width and equal size and each light source 16 is a light emitting diodes.


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to John A. Ward whose telephone number is 571-272-2386. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jong (James) Lee can be reached on 571-272-7044. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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